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THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

23 OCT 1961
~~TOP SECRET~~

1. Soviet weapons tests



A. We have preliminary indications of two nuclear tests this morning. The first, at Novaya Zemlya

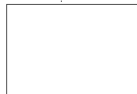
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The second, just south of Novaya Zemlya, created a massive seismic disturbance, but we suspect this may have been caused by a detonation under water rather than a high-yield air burst.

B. Another ICBM was successfully fired to the Central Pacific yesterday. makes six successes, three failures, and one overshoot.

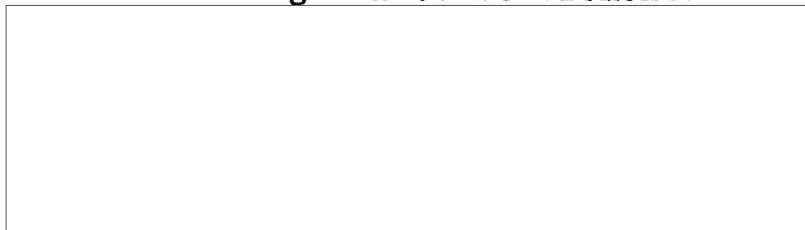
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2. New climax approaches in Algeria

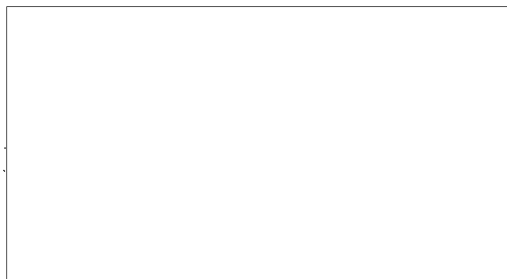


A. As the rebels prepare to produce an all-out demonstration by the Moslem population on 1 November, there are indications that the OAS will make its own demonstration a few days earlier. The Moslems say their activities will be peaceful, but we see considerable danger that the two communities will go for each other, which would seriously damage the possibilities for a negotiated settlement.

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3. Tension in the
Dominican Republic



Since early last week there has been widespread anti-regime rioting throughout the country. The Balaguer government has finally moved to deport leaders of the pro-Castro movement, but the armed forces are pressing for wholesale action against all opposition elements. Meanwhile, Hector and Arismendi Trujillo have apparently left the country.

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4. Thai-Cambodian
diplomatic break



Both sides have violated a propaganda truce reached last November. Friction between the two is of long standing and arises from differences in political orientation, a border dispute now before the World Court, and animosity between Sarit and Sihanouk.

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5. UN ratification of
Katanga cease-fire
agreement has reserva-
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The UN wants to dispel any notion that it has recognized Katanga's independence, and is noncommittal on its policy should the central government invade Katanga. Tshombe, confident of his military superiority, is unlikely to accept.

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NOTES

☐ A. There have been no major Party Congress developments since Saturday.

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☐ B. Embassy Cairo reports its suspicion, based on the pattern of recent arrests, that Nasir is attempting to liquidate the wealthy class in Egypt.

☐ C. There has been a new outbreak of violence in Ruanda-Urundi. Public security there is steadily deteriorating.

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